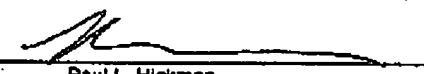


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Serial No.:	08/798,703	Group Art Unit:	2184
Filing Date:	02/12/97		
For:	Method and Apparatus for Controlling a Computer Over a Wide Area Network		

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was held on March 16, 2006 between the Examiner and the Applicant at the Examiner's initiation. Present were Dieu Minh T. Le and Paul L. Hickman. During the interview, the Applicant's previous Interview Summary of March 12, 2006 was discussed.

The Examiner indicated that Applicant misunderstood some of her comments made during the previous interview. The Examiner indicated that she had been aware of USSN 08/798,704 and USSN 08/810,620, but not necessarily the rest of the patent family. She also indicated that while she and Dung Dinh, the Examiner on many of the other cases, started at the USPTO at about the same time and had conversed about this family of patents over the years,

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that this did not necessarily mean that she had reviewed all of the applications that he was examining with respect to the present application.

The Examiner also indicated that Applicant she has not reviewed all references in the related applications, and indicated that Applicant could file a supplemental IDS if he wanted additional references to be made of record. Applicant requested that the Examiner hold off on a Notice of Allowance until the related files were reviewed for the potential submission of a Supplemental IDS.

The Examiner further indicated that this application was based on provisional application USSN 60/011,827, which was of record.

The Examiner further indicated that she was considering a provisional double-patenting rejection of the present application over USSN 10/193,738 and 11/079,932. Applicant pointed out that if this application is otherwise in condition for allowance, and if the cited references were still pending and not yet allowed, the proper action would be to give a Notice of Allowance in the present application, and address the double-patenting issue later with respect to still pending applications. The Examiner indicated that she would consult with her supervisor with respect to the proper way to handle this situation.

Respectfully submitted,



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